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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 899

DATE: April 26, 2010

TO: Iowa Medicaid Providers (Excluding Waiver and Individual CDAC)

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Enrollment in the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2010

Beginning July 1, 2010, Medicaid members age 65 and over will be automatically enrolled in the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health **except** for those members who:

Have limited Medicaid benefits such as benefits that pay only the cost of copays and deductibles of Medicare,

Are enrolled in the PACE program,

Are enrolled in the Medically Needy program and have a spenddown,

Are living in the Woodward Resource Center or the Glenwood Resource Center

The Iowa Plan is the behavioral health carve out that administers mental health and substance abuse services. Magellan Behavioral Care of Iowa is the contractor for those services for enrolled Medicaid members.

Providers must continue to bill Medicare before billing Iowa Medicaid. Iowa Medicaid will pay the co-insurance and deductibles of Medicare Part A and B claims. Most medications for persons age 65 and over are covered under Medicare Part D. Medications not covered by Medicare are to be billed to Iowa Medicaid. The behavioral health services not covered by Medicare should be billed to the Iowa Plan contractor, Magellan. Providers offering behavioral health services to these members through the Iowa Plan, who are not enrolled with Magellan, **must** enroll to get paid. A provider needing more information on enrollment at Magellan can view the website at www.Magellanoflowa.com.

To verify a member's enrollment in Medicaid or the Iowa Plan, a provider enrolled with Medicaid can call the ELVS line at 1-800-338-7752. Providers registered through EDISS, can inquire through the EDISS web portal at:

https://ime-ediss.noridian.com/iowaxchange/LogonDisplay.do